# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RAILWAYS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:789
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CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGES
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the information regarding date of construction of bridges etc. is not available in most of the cases;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any discrepancy has been noticed in the records maintained by the Chief Bridge Engineers office and its divisions;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the funds for bridges were not utilized fully during the review period;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor;

(g) the number of bridges identified for replacement/ renovation during the last three years and the number out of them replaced/ renovated; and

(h) the steps taken by the Government to construct the bridges and utilise the funds fully within the stipulated time?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) No, Sir. The information regarding date of construction of bridges is known.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f) The funds have generally been utilized as per the final budget allocations. The expenditure position of Plan Head Bridges in last three years is as under:

| Year | Expenditure (Crores of Rs.) |
|---|---|
| 2002-03 | 199.1 |
| 2003-04 | 228.55 |
| 2004-05 | 377.00 (Provisional) |

(g) The number of bridges identified for replacement / renovation during last three years and the number out of them replaced/renovated/ rehabilitated:

| Year | Target/Identified | Achievements |
|---|---|---|
| 2002-03 | 1065 | 1151 |
| 2003-04 | 1584 | 1563 |
| 2004-05 | 1629 | 1579 |

(h) Various steps have been taken to ensure utilization of funds fully like advance planning for expeditious execution, better coordination with field offices, adopting modern methods of construction etc.